

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A trim panel (1) and a method of making a trim panel (1) comprising providing a formable sheet (12) having at least one layer, locating the sheet (12) adjacent to a forming surface (80), conforming the sheet (12) to the forming surface (80) so that the sheet (12) has a characterizing topography (15) and removing the sheet (12) from the forming surface (80). A substrate (40) is provided having a rear surface (45) and an opening (55) therethrough. Lastly, the sheet (12) is attached to the rear surface (45) of the substrate (40) so that the characterizing topography (15) extends through the opening (55). Alternatively, the sheet (12) may comprise at least one tab (17) and the substrate (40) may comprise at least one tab opening (57) wherein the tab (17) is inserted into the tab opening (57) to snap-fit the pieces together.